

**Remarks by Consul General Jacob Walles at the
Jalazone Clinic Inaugural Event
With UNRWA Commissioner General Karen AbuZayd
Friday, July 13**

How pleased I am to be here today at the Jalazone Camp to inaugurate this health center.

Today's event and this project demonstrate the determination of the United States to work with UNRWA and with the Palestinian Authority to improve the lives of the Palestinian people. After a long period in which our assistance was limited, we are now back in business and working together with our Palestinian and international partners to build a better life for the Palestinian people.

This high priority project was identified by UNRWA and funded by the United States. The American people provided \$387,000 to rebuild this health clinic here in Jalazone. The new clinic will provide 20,000 Jalazone residents, including those with special needs, with improved facilities and medical care.

The United States is UNRWA's largest bilateral donor. So far this year, the United States has contributed \$50 million to UNRWA's 2007 General Fund and \$53.5 million to UNRWA's Emergency Appeals.

Our ongoing partnership with UNRWA is one example of the American commitment to the welfare of the Palestinian people.

We are proud of our long association with UNRWA, and we look forward to continuing our cooperation in support of Palestinian refugees.

I want to thank the leadership of the camp and the residents here for their very warm welcome today. Your hospitality will stay with us always, and I thank you all very much.